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1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL A PARA 10 EMBASSY APPROACHED GOVERNMENT OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (GOCAR) ON JANUARY 6 DRAWING THEIR ATTENTION TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GSP AND INDICATING THAT GOCAR COULD REQUEST TO BE DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRY (BDC) UNDER THE 1974 TRADE ACT. EMBASSY ALSO INFORMED GOCAR THAT USG TENTATIVELY INTENDED TO WAIVE SEVERAL OF THE EXCLUSION PROVISIONS (REFTEL A PARA 4). DEMARCHE IMPLIED INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN GSP. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A RESPONSE TO ITS APPROACH, BEYOND GOCAR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ITS RECEIPT. GOCAR PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING A MATTER OF THIS NATURE ARE CUMBERSOME AND DECISION OF WHETHER TO REQUEST BENEFICIAL STATUS OR NOT WILL BE MADE BY PRESIDENT BOKASSA WHO HAS BEEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY. THIS PROCESS MAY EASILY TAKE SEVERAL MORE WEEKS.

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2. REGARDING REFTEL D PARA 3, EMBASSY ASSESSES GOCAR

RESPONSE TO INCLUSION IN GSP AS BDC MOST LIKELY TO BE FAVORABLE. HOWEVER, IF CAR WERE TO BE DESIGNATED BDC EITHER AT OWN REQUEST OR USG INITIATIVE AND SUCH STATUS LATER WITHDRAWN AS CONSEQUENCE OF DETERMINATION MADE BY ITC RESULT WOULD PROBABLY BE DETRIMENTAL TO RELATIONS. CAR POSSIBLY INELIGIBLE FOR BDC STATUS UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 502 (B) (4) NATIONALIZATIONS (SEE REFTEL B) AND SECTION 502 (B) (3) ASSOCIATION THAT HAS ADVERSE EFFECT ON AMERICAN COMMERCE AS CAR IS SIGNATORY TO YAOUNDE CONVENTION (REFTEL C)

3. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT DECISION ON GRANTING BDC STATUS TO CAR BE MADE WITHIN CONTEXT OF PARA 2 ABOVE AND SUCH STATUS NOT BE GRANTED UNLESS POSSIBILITY FOR RETAINING BDC STATUS SUBSTANTIAL.
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